(*c*) No.

(*d*) A steno typist was required for work urgently. The candidate had no previous service under Government.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*d*).

South Ariad-Arattuvazhi Road.

17. * **Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi** (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have called for an estimate for the opening of the South Ariad-Arattuvazhi road;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the estimated cost for the road; and

(*c*) whether landowners have consented to surrender required lands free of compensation?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Detailed estimate has not been prepared. Approximate cost will be Rs. 7,000.

(*c*) Yes.

Public Service Commissioner's Department.

18. * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to abolish the Public Service Commissioner's Department?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know Sir, the number of departments that were placed under the control of the Public Service Commissioner for the purpose of recruitment to public service at the time, and the approximate number of appointments made by the department?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: I claim notice.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether subsequently any departments were taken away from his control?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: No, Sir.

State Transport Bus Service.

19. * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the State Transport Bus Service is beyond the purview of the Motor Vehicles Act and the Rules made thereunder by the Commissioner of Police; and

(*b*) whether the employees of the State Transport Department are included under the category of public servants of Government?

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